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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, JA
SUBJECT: LABOR COST NEGOTIATIONS - GAO STUDY

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCPAC HONOLULU INFO SECDEF WASHDC,
AMEMB TOKYO, CDRUSARJ CAMP ZAMA JA, COMNAVFORJAPAN YOKOSUKA JA,
ZEN/5AF YOKOTA AB JA P 190100Z MAY 77 REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L

SECDEF FOR ASD/MRA&L AND ASD/COMPTROLLER

CINCPAC FOR J12

SUBJ: GAO REVIEW OF FOREIGN NATIONAL COMPENSATION COSTS AND
RETIREMENT BENEFITS (U)

REF: A. CINCPAC 122345Z MAY 77 (NOTAL)
B. USGAO NOTICE OF VISIT D&D 6 MAY 77 (CODE 97304) (NOTAL)
C. AMEMB TOKYO 280920Z APR 77/6318 (C)
D. AMEMB TOKYO 100831Z MAR 77/3406 (C)

1. (C) REF A TRANSMITTED GAO REQUEST FOR DATA AND INFORMATION ON
USFJ JAPANESE AND US CIVILIAN COSTS AND BUDGETS, POSSIBLE ALTER-
NATE LABOR RESOURCES, ETC IN PREPARATION FOR 5 WEEK GAO VISIT
ANNOUNCED IN REF B. REFS C AND D SUMMARIZED STATUS OF JOINT
COMMITTEE ADDRESSAL OF LABOR ISSUES, INITIAL US NEGOTIATING
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PROPOSALS, GOJ OBJECTIVES AND ASSESSMENT OF US PROSPECTS FOR
GOJ LABOR COST SHARING.

2. (C) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERN ABOUT FOREIGN
NATIONAL LABOR COSTS IS APPRECIATED AND SHARED BY EMBASSY AND
USFJ, WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS AS WELL AS
LEADING U.S. OFFICIALS TO REGISTER WITH GOJ THEIR PRECEPTIONS

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OF PROBLEM. HOWEVER, GAO VISIT AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE
HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
PROVIDE FULL PICTURE OF LABOR COST PROBLEM AND U.S. EFFORT TO
ALLEVIATE BURDEN. MUCH OF DATA IS CONTAINED IN REPORT OF
SIX-MONTH US-GOJ JOINT STUDY UNDER JOINT COMMITTEE AUSPICES,
AND OTHER RELATED JOINT COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS, NONE OF WHICH ARE
RELEASABLE WITHOUT GOJ CONSENT. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY
OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WE DOUBT WHETHER THIS COULD BE OBTAINED.
MOREOVER, WE FEAR THAT GOJ KNOWLEDGE OF GAO STUDY COULD HAVE
ADVERSE IMPACT ON NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES, WHICH WILL BE ENTERING
SENSITIVE STAGE AT TIME OF SCHEDULED VISIT.

3. (C) AS PURELY PRACTICAL MATTER, COLLECTION AND PREPARATION OF
DATA AND INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REF A AND NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS
TO GAO TEAM WOULD ENCUMBER LIMITED RESOURCES ON PART OF SERVICE
COMMAND PERSONNEL SPECIALISTS, COMPTROLLER STAFFS, AND HQ USFJ
LABOR BRANCH NEEDED TO SUPPORT CURRENT NEGOTIATION EFFORT.

4. (C) AMEMBASSY STRONGLY CONCURS WITH USFJ RECOMMENDATION THAT
PROPOSED GAO VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL END OF YEAR, AT WHICH
TIME GAO COULD REASSESS NEED FOR VISIT IN LIGHT OF NEGOTIATIONS.
IN THE MEANTIME, FULL RECORD OF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS WILL
CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU AS IN REFS C AND D.

5. (U) ASD/MRA&L AND ASD/COMPTROLLER ADDED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST
OF CINCPAC ACTION OFFICER.
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